

Airships and Lightning

All Hazards Faced By Aviators Lightning Is Least

Meteorological experts, according to the Weather Service, are of the opinion that the chances of an airplane being struck by lightning are practically negligible, and that the aviator is in little more danger than if he were on the ground. The majority of lightning bolts travel from one part to another of the same cloud, the path approximately parallel to the earth's surface, and though an airplane might fly into the path of such a bolt, it does not follow that the plane would be severely damaged. The instances in which planes have been struck by lightning with serious consequences are so rare that no official account is taken of them.

The belief commonly held that an

metal airplane increases the lightning hazard is erroneous, exactly the reverse being true. A plane of this type, if struck, would absorb or carry off all electrical energy, and the fabric construction would be unharmed. In the case of dirigibles, they are constructed in such a manner as to sustain a violent electrical shock without disaster, all metal parts being bonded together and the entire structure covered with a mesh of rigid strips, there is virtually no danger from lightning. Hence the ship has the properties of a "non-magnetic lightning rod." Lightning causes the greatest danger when it encounters resistance. If it strikes a rigid airship, it is immediately dissipated over the entire bulk of the machine, because of the great amount of metal employed, a huge charge of electricity may be absorbed without the slightest effect. Rigid airships

frequently struck by lightning, according to the testimony of their navigators, but even when filled with a highly inflammable gas, such as hydrogen, disaster never results. Thus it appears that of all the hazards faced by the "air-minded" aviator, lightning is perhaps the least.

A War Time Story

**Premier - Ramsay MacDonald Was
Arrested In Belgium and De-
ported As An Undesirable**

A new war time story in which
Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald,

of course, plain Mr. MacDonald, is arrested in Belgium and deported as an "undesirable" on the instructions of British authorities. Is described in the new biography of Prime Minister written by the English author, H. H. Tiltman, to be published at an early date.

The writer says that in the fall of 1914, Mr. MacDonald went to Kirk to join Dr. Hector Munro's ambulance unit. Dr. Munro left Mr. MacDonald at headquarters for the night but on returning next day found that he had been arrested by Belgian general on the ostensible grounds that his passport was not in

Mr. MacDonald was an "undesirable person to serve on the Western front in any capacity."

night later. Mr. MacDonald
told Lord Kitchener, who the
mor says was extremely angry
concerning the incident and imme-
diately gave Mr. MacDonald a red
"pass" permitting him to re-
turn wherever he wished on the
British and French fronts.

Mr. MacDonald crossed the channel again and visited St. Omer and sally dined with the officers who ordered his deportation.

at this summer, and but few of them seem to know that the United States is not a member. Guides are constantly asked "Where is the office of the United States?" "Where shall I apply to become a member?" The most frequently of all "where is the chair in which President Wilson

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